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Reconsideration of the application in view of the following amendments and remarks is respectfully requested.

### AMENDMENT

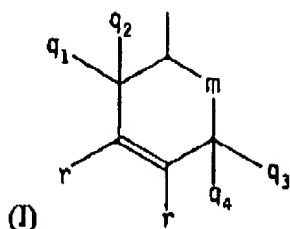
#### In the claims:

Cancel claims 45 and 52, and amend claims 40-41, 44, 46-47, 49, 53, 68, and 70, to read as follows:

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40. (Amended) The packaging article of claim 20, further comprising an oxygen barrier layer, wherein the oxygen barrier layer does not comprise a polymer comprising a cycloalkenyl group having structure (I).

41. (Amended) The packaging article of claim 40, wherein the oxygen barrier layer not comprising a polymer comprising a cycloalkenyl group having structure (I) comprises poly(ethylene vinyl alcohol) (EVOH), polyacrylonitrile (PAN), a copolymer comprising acrylonitrile, poly(vinylidene dichloride) (PVDC), polyethylene terephthalate (PET), polyethylene naphthalate (PEN), or polyamide other than MXD6.

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44. (Amended) The packaging article of claim 20, further comprising an oxygen scavenging layer, wherein the oxygen scavenging layer comprises an oxygen scavenging polymer comprising an ethylenic backbone and a cycloalkenyl group with structure I:



wherein  $q_1$ ,  $q_2$ ,  $q_3$ ,  $q_4$ , and  $r$  are independently selected from hydrogen, methyl, or ethyl;  $m$  is  $-(CH_2)_n-$ , wherein  $n$  is an integer from 0 to 4, inclusive; and, when  $r$  is hydrogen, at least one of  $q_1$ ,  $q_2$ ,  $q_3$ , and  $q_4$  is also hydrogen.

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46. (Amended) The packaging article of claim 44, wherein the oxygen scavenging polymer in the oxygen scavenging layer is selected from ethylene/methyl acrylate/cyclohexenylmethyl acrylate terpolymer (EMCM), ethylene/vinyl cyclohexene copolymer (EVCH), ethylene/cyclohexenylmethyl acrylate copolymer (ECHA), or cyclohexenylmethyl acrylate homopolymer (CHAA).

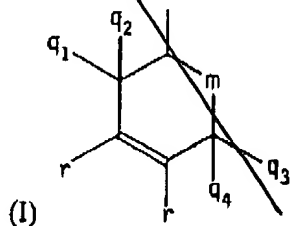
47. (Amended) The packaging article of claim 44, wherein the oxygen scavenging layer is a liner, coating, sealant, gasket, adhesive, non-adhesive insert, or fibrous mat insert in the packaging article.

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49. (Amended) A method of making an oxygen barrier composition comprising an oxygen barrier polymer and an oxygen scavenging polymer, comprising:

- providing the oxygen barrier polymer and the oxygen scavenging polymer; and
- blending the oxygen barrier polymer and the oxygen scavenging polymer to form the oxygen barrier composition, wherein the oxygen scavenging polymer comprises an ethylenic backbone and a cycloalkenyl group having the structure I:



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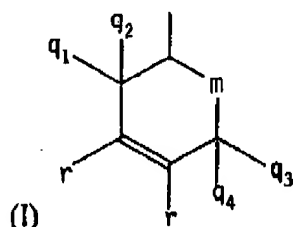
wherein  $q_1$ ,  $q_2$ ,  $q_3$ ,  $q_4$ , and  $r$  are independently selected from hydrogen, methyl, or ethyl;  $m$  is  $-(CH_2)_n-$ , wherein  $n$  is an integer from 0 to 4, inclusive; and, when  $r$  is hydrogen, at least one of  $q_1$ ,  $q_2$ ,  $q_3$ , and  $q_4$  is also hydrogen.

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53. (Amended) The method of claim 49, wherein the oxygen scavenging polymer is selected from ethylene/methyl acrylate/cyclohexenylmethyl acrylate terpolymer (EMCM), ethylene/vinyl cyclohexene copolymer (EVCH), ethylene/cyclohexenylmethyl acrylate copolymer (ECHA), or cyclohexenylmethyl acrylate homopolymer (CHAA).

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68. (Amended) The method of claim 60, wherein the forming step further comprises forming an oxygen barrier layer in the packaging article, wherein the oxygen barrier layer does not comprise a polymer comprising a cycloalkenyl group having the structure I:



wherein  $q_1$ ,  $q_2$ ,  $q_3$ ,  $q_4$ , and  $r$  are independently selected from hydrogen, methyl, or ethyl;  $m$  is  $-(CH_2)_n-$ , wherein  $n$  is an integer from 0 to 4, inclusive; and, when  $r$  is hydrogen, at least one of  $q_1$ ,  $q_2$ ,  $q_3$ , and  $q_4$  is also hydrogen.

70. (Amended) The method of claim 60, wherein the forming step further comprises forming an oxygen scavenging layer comprising a polymer comprising a cycloalkenyl group having the structure I:

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